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Proclamation - National Mentoring Month (10min)

Date of BOCC Meeting: January 11, 2021

Request for Board Action:

The Board is requested to issue a proclamation declaring January 2021 as National Mentoring Month in Durham County. The goal of the proclamation is to urge all residents of Durham County to rededicate ourselves to preventing youth from entering the juvenile and criminal justice systems and recommit to building a community where all our youth can grow, flourish, and take Durham County to new and greater heights through effective mentoring relationships.

Created in 2002 by the Harvard School of Public Health and MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership, National Mentoring Month (NNM) focuses national attention on the need for mentors, as well as how each of us - individuals, businesses, government agencies, schools, faith communities and nonprofits - can work together to increase the number of mentors to assure positive outcomes for our young people.

NNM celebrates mentoring and the positive effect it can have on young lives. Its goals are to raise awareness of mentoring in its various forms, recruit individuals to mentor, especially in programs that have waiting lists of young people and promote the rapid growth of mentoring by recruiting organizations to engage their constituents in mentoring.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 1: Community & Family Prosperity and Enrichment; **Goal 3:** Safe & Secure Community; and **Goal 5:** Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government

Resource Person(s): DeWarren K. Langley, JD, MPA, Executive Director, Charles Hamilton Houston Foundation, Inc.

County Manager Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board issue a proclamation declaring January 2021 as National Mentoring Month in Durham County.

County Manager: _____